figures for 2001 indicates that average annual rate of growth of population has come down to 1.93 for the period 1991-2001 as compared to 2.14 for the period 1981-91. Thus the Government aims to continue its strategy of voluntary approach to Family Planning with increased access to quality family planning services.

Medical facilities as fundamental rights

1687. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to include right to medical facilities in the fundamental rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rural Health Schemes in Kerala

1688. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide funds to the voluntary organizations engaged in Family Welfare Programmes and Rural Health Care Schemes in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the assistance provided to various NGO's in Kerala during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The funds are released to NGOs in Kerala State under MNGO Scheme under RCH Programme and Support to Gender Issues. A statement of funds released during the last three years is given in the enclosed Statement.